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Honorable Albert V. Bryan  
Chief Judge of the U. S. District Court  
for the Eastern District of Virginia  
U. S. Court House  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Judge Bryan:

I appreciate the interest shown by you in your letter of 8 March in the problems that may well arise as the result of our move to Virginia in the latter part of this year. Mr. Houston tells me that he and Colonel Edwards found their discussion with you on 14 March very constructive and helpful to our planning. There were certain specific points of interest to you which I will cover below.

As you were informed, we shall shortly seek the agreement of the Governor and the Attorney General of Virginia to the ceding of concurrent jurisdiction to the United States over crimes and offenses which may be committed on the property we will occupy. The additional jurisdiction will be sought under the authority of Title 7, Chapter 3, section 24, Code of Virginia, 1950 annotated.

The essential element, of course, is to acquire jurisdiction to give us the authority necessary to protect the security of our installation. However, it will serve other useful purposes too. The General Services Administration will be the custodian for the United States of our buildings and land, and it has already issued general regulations applicable to all Federal property under the charge or control of GSA, governing the behavior of persons entering such property and providing penalties for violations thereof. Of particular importance are the regulations pertaining

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to vehicular traffic. These regulations are set forth in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Chapter 1, Subchapter C, Part 100 (revised as of January 1, 1960). Cases summoned to appear before your Commissioner would normally be heard under the authority of these regulations. However, apart from the regulations, the Administrator of General Services is authorized by section 318, Title 40, U. S. Code to appoint guards or special policemen who shall have the same powers as sheriffs and constables upon Federal property.

Additionally, Mr. Houston discussed with you our concern about jurisdiction in commitment cases, which in the past have presented us with some serious problems. The answer seems to lie in section 210, Title 24, U. S. Code, which authorizes any U. S. Commissioner especially designated for that purpose by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to commit to St. Elizabeth's Hospital any person on property over which the United States has concurrent jurisdiction who may be of unsound mind. If a Commissioner of yours is so designated, I believe we could work out with him the same rather simple arrangements that are working so well in the District of Columbia.

I trust this will be sufficient to answer the questions you had in mind, but if there is anything more we can look into for you we will be only too glad to do so.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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